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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SOVIET NOTE OF NOVEMBER 3 ON EMBASSY

REF: STATE 308872

1. COPY OF TEXT OF NOTE GIVEN TO VORONTSOV BY EAGLEBURGER  
DECEMBER 21 PASSED DECEMBER 22 TO MFA USA DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
FEDOSEYEV AND COUNSELOR MIKHALCHUK, REPLACING ANTIPOV, BY ACTING  
POL COUNSELOR AND ADMINOFF. FEDOSEYEV  
INDICATED THAT MFA WOULD STUDY RESPONSE BUT THAT HE FELT THAT  
DATES SPECIFIED WERE UNREALISTIC. US SIDE RESPONDED THAT WE  
CONSIDERED THIS POSITIVE RESPONSE INASMUCH AS SOME OF OUR NEEDS  
HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING MORE THAN THREE YEARS. WE FURTHER POINTED  
OUT THAT THIS NOTE INDICATES FLEXIBILITY IN OUR POSITION AND  
THAT WITH SUITABLE SOVIET RESPONSE MOST, IF NOT ALL, DIFFICULTIES  
COULD QUICKLY BE CLEARED UP.

2. FEDOSEYEV PRESSED ISSUE OF BEGINNING DATE FOR CONSTRUCTION  
IN WASHINGTON. WE REITERATED TO HIM THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF  
DEPARTMENT'S NOTE AND  
THE COMMENTS BY EAGLEBURGER TO VORONTSOV ON THIS POINT.

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3. SUBSEQUENTLY, MIKHALCHUK CALLED ACTING POL COUNS  
TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION. SOVIET AIDE-MEMOIRE OF NOV 3  
HAD RESPONDED TO AMERICAN SIDE'S REQUESTS CONCERNING  
ADDITIONAL ITEMS, HE SAID, AND AT THAT TIME AMERICAN  
SIDE HAD SAID IT WOULD GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION, IF  
THERE WERE PROGRESS ON THESE ITEMS, TO PERMITTING CON-

STRUCTION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF SOVIET HOUSING IN WASHINGTON TO BEGIN. CAN SOVIET SIDE UNDERSTAND TODAY'S DISCUSSION, HE ASKED, TO MEAN THAT AMERICAN SIDE HAS NOTHING AGAINST IMMEDIATE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF SOVIET HOUSING IN WASHINGTON, WHILE THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS PUT FORWARD BY THE AMERICAN SIDE WERE CONSIDERED IN THE MEANTIME.

4. ACTING POL COUNS REPLIED THAT IF IT PROVES POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY COMMITMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUES RAISED IN OUR DEC 21 NOTE, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD PROVE POSSIBLE TO GRANT PERMISSION TO BEGIN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION. AS STATED IN THE NOTE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSULT WITH CONGRESS WHEN IT RECONVENED IN JANUARY, AND SATISFACTORY COMMITMENTS ON THESE ISSUES WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL CONSULTATIONS. BUT, AS MR. EAGLEBURGER HAD POINTED OUT TO MINISTER VORONTSOV, IF ADEQUATE COMMITMENTS ARE MADE THERE APPEARED TO BE NO REASON WHY PERMISSION TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION CANNOT FOLLOW IN SHORT ORDER. MATLOCK

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